

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. ^{sub}_{act} An information retrieval service system comprising:
an information retrieval site connected to the Internet
including:

5 a retrieval server, and
a retrieval database, wherein

(1) said retrieval server of said information retrieval site
is operative to fetch data representing details of services
respectively provided by a plurality of information providing
10 sites therefrom so as to store the data in said retrieval
database, and is operative to retrieve data corresponding to
information-retrieval input information, which is inputted
from an information terminal, from said retrieval database
according to the inputted information so as to cause a monitor
15 of said information terminal to display data read by the
retrieval.

2. The information retrieval service system according to
claim 1, wherein

20 said retrieval server fetches data representing details
of services, which are respectively provided by the plurality
of information providing sites, therefrom by periodically
accessing the plurality of information providing sites.

3. The information retrieval service system according to claim 1, wherein

a hyperlink indicating an Internet address of the information providing site providing the data is embedded in a data image that is displayed on said monitor of said information terminal by the retrieval performed by said retrieval server.

4. The information retrieval service system according to claim 1, wherein

said information retrieval site includes a user registration database for storing a profile of a preliminarily registered user, and

said retrieval server retrieves the data, which corresponds to the information-retrieval input information, according to a profile of a user, which is read from said user registration database.